

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) A damper apparatus comprising:

a spring;

a holder holding said spring and including two retainer plates and an annular ring pinched between said retainer plates; and

a plate having a pawl elastically engaged by said spring, said plate being interposed between said retainer plates and disposed radially inwardly of said annular ring,

wherein an axial thickness of said annular ring and an axial thickness of said plate are substantially equal,

splines are provided on an inner peripheral portion of said plate and an outer peripheral portion of said holder,

rivets are disposed through said splines of said holder, and

said splines of said plate project radially inwardly relative to respective inner peripheries of said retainer plates.

12. (Currently Amended) A damper apparatus comprising:

a spring;

a holder holding said spring and including two retainer plates and an annular ring disposed between two retainer plates; and

a plate having a pawl elastically engaged by said spring; and

~~an annular ring disposed between said two retainer plates;~~

wherein splines are provided on an inner peripheral portion of at least one of said plate and said holder and an outer peripheral portion of the other of said plate and said holder, ~~and wherein~~ opposite end surfaces of said annular ring are substantially aligned with opposite end surfaces of said plate in an axial direction, wherein said splines provided on said holder include splines provided on said two retainer plates of said holder, and

wherein a rivet is disposed through a spline of each of said retainer plates and an intervening portion of said annular ring.

Claims 13-15 (Cancelled).

16. (new) A damper apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said rivets are also disposed through portions of said annular ring between said splines of said holder.